



**BRIDGE OF HOPE®**  
**BURLINGTON COUNTY**

**NEWSLETTER**

Ending and Preventing Homelessness:  
 One Church, One Family at a Time

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**Our Needs:**

- Office supplies for our new office space!
- Volunteers
- Your generous monetary contribution.
- Prayer!
- Sponsors for our upcoming fundraiser

"He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor." 1 Samuel 2:8

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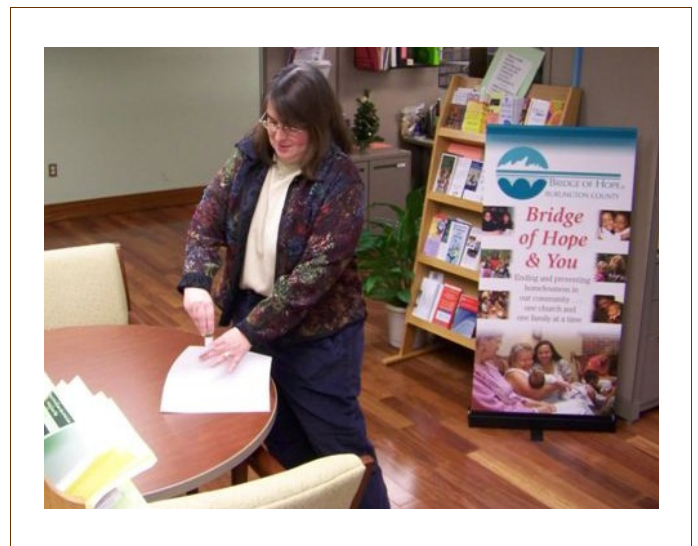
**BRIDGE OF HOPE BURLINGTON COUNTY HAS A NEW HOME!**

Bridge of Hope Burlington County rang in the new year with a modest, albeit joyful ribbon cutting at our new home: The Mount Holly Center at Burlington County College! In this beautiful facility we will occupy two cubicles, with plenty of shared conference rooms. This is truly a blessing!

The cost savings are huge, reducing overhead so we can devote the most funds possible to directly benefit homeless mothers and their children right here in Burlington County.

The facility was found after months of researching. Now that we finally have a place to call home, it's time to roll up our sleeves and get down to business!

Our goal is to service our first family by August 2009, but we cannot do it alone. We still need computers, a laser printer and general office sup-



Our Board Chair Sharon Gooch-Zebal getting things in order at Burlington County College's Mount Holly Center located right on High Street

plies from paperclips, to pens, binders and just about anything else needed to successfully run the administrative portion of this ministry.

Donors are needed and of course all donations are tax deductible. You can feel good knowing your gift will benefit

the needy families right in our backyard here in Burlington County.

You can use the contact form on our website [bridgeofhopeburlington.org](http://bridgeofhopeburlington.org) for more information on how you can help and don't forget, tell a friend!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FUNDRAISING EVENT:  
 A CELEBRATION OF THANKS**

On April 25th, 2009 Bridge of Hope Burlington County invites you to our fundraising event, A Celebration of Thanks at the Flying W Airport resort in Lumberton.

There will be music, dinner, a silent auction, fellowship and fun! All proceeds

will help Bridge of Hope Burlington County reach it's fundraising goal of \$14,000. We're almost there, but we need your help so come join in the celebration in Christ's love.

Sponsors are needed! You can be a sponsor at varying

levels from \$250 to \$5,000. If you plan to attend or are interested in being a sponsor, please RSVP to Kimberley Faircloth at 609-864-6277 by April 10th so we can save you a seat.

Bring a friend, an appetite and a spirit of giving.

**BRIDGE OF HOPE'S SPOTLIGHT:**  
**REV. DR. JAMES H. KRAFT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



Before becoming Pastor and Head of Staff of the First Presbyterian Church in Mount Holly, NJ, where he served for 31 years, Jim was a consultant in mechanical engineering for 11 years, employed on the engineering faculty of the University of Maryland for 8 of those years. The church in Mount Holly was well known for its service to the community. Under Jim's leadership the Presbyterian Church purchased the previous Baptist Church building, which became the Presbyterian Extension and was the sight for many of the church's ministries to the community.

While Jim was Pastor, the church served the community by establishing: a pastoral counseling service called The Well, a congregare living facility for 50 senior adults called the Samuel Miller Christian Retirement Center, 13 rental housing units for low income people called Homes of Hope, a soup kitchen called the Community Luncheon, the Burlington Center Mall Ministry which provides pro-

gram and counseling at a local mall, and the Alpha program to answer people's basic questions about the Christian faith.

Jim has served Burlington County through membership on the Freeholder's Human Services Advisory Committee, and the Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. He also served on the Bio-Ethics Committee of Virtua Hospital. He has twice been President of the Mount Holly Clergy Association.

After retirement from ministry in Mount Holly, Jim became Pastor of the International Church of Karachi in Pakistan. The church is an interdenominational church, which serves expats and Anglo-Pakistanis. After 3 years, Jim returned from Pakistan and is now Pastor of Sending and Serving, at Faith Presbyterian Church in Medford, NJ—a half-time parish associate position. Jim looks forward to June when he will celebrate 50 years of marriage to his wife Fran. They have two grown children and four grandchildren.

Jim's ministry life verse is 1 Corinthians 2:2, "I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified."



**BRIDGE OF HOPE BURLINGTON COUNTY IS ON THE WEB!**

As of November 2008, Bridge of Hope Burlington County's website is up and running.

Thanks to our booth at the Mount Laurel Police Expo, Dawn Haggerty found our display,

saw the need for a web designer, answered the call to service and created a beautiful website to help get Bridge of Hope Burlington County's name out to the world wide web.

Some of the features on the new website are photo albums and our latest

news. There is also a contact page where potential volunteers, donors and anyone interested in Bridge of Hope Burlington County can submit their information and get a response within 48 hours from a Bridge of Hope representative.

Looking forward we will ex-

pand the website. This will include a secure way to make a donation directly from the site as well as service milestones throughout the year. Please visit us at: [bridgeofhopeburlington.org](http://bridgeofhopeburlington.org). Look for us on Facebook, too!

**A DEBT OF GRATITUDE:  
 OUR ANNUAL APPEAL WAS A SUCCESS!**

Through your generosity, we raised over \$7,200.00 including a substantial matching gift from Faith Presbyterian Church of Medford. We are 1/2 way in the race to match \$ 14,000.00 grant that BOH has been awarded and we remain humble to serve this mission.

We also want to take this time to thank the area churches that continue to support this ministry in service to Burlington County. Faith Presbyterian of Medford, Jacksonville Presbyterian, Mount Laurel Evangelical Free Church of Mount Laurel, and First Presbyterian of Mount Holly. Each of you have extended your hand to this ministry, please continue to support us in prayer and join us in our quest to Love Our Neighbors!



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